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In Re Application of:

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Title: MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS IMMUNIZATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action issued in the above-identified application, that Action having been mailed 17 July 2002. This Communication is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the fee therefor. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.